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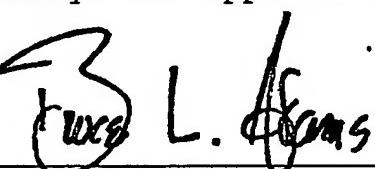
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No communication from the PTO has been received in the above-identified application for more than 18 months.

Would you please advise us in writing of the status of the above-identified application and the approximate date on which the application will be reached for action.

Respectfully submitted,

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